

Had me any thing like a large *Hybarium* on this coast  
if you had a great help, but alas!

Could you send me a description of  
*Western elatum* Nutt. I had heard.

There are quite a number of grapes  
along that N. Road, of which  
I procured but few, but I  
have seen enough to convince  
me, that our grapes need a  
most careful attention and  
prolonged study. It is a pity  
that Prof. Thurber will not  
grow, will not co-operate! Well.  
Col. Mauro is helping me some  
and so I expect to do something  
at least.

(N<sup>o</sup> 6124 of my plants given as *Vitis rigida*  
doubtfully at the suggestion of Prof.  
Thurber, Prof. Mauro makes it *Crima*  
*Marrouira* Kunth. (See Steudel's)

I hope to hear soon from you  
wishing you merry-christmas  
and the very best of health

I remain  
Yours  
most respectfully  
Henry W. Bolander

San Francisco Dec. 23. 69.

Prof. Dr. A. S. Gray Cambridge Mass.

My dear Sir,

Your kind letter  
of Nov. 25 has been received. I rejoiced  
hearing once more from you and I  
fondly hope that I may have the plea-  
sure now of hearing quite often from  
you. I hope your journey has been  
a success in clearing up doubts  
and intricate questions concerning  
the Botany of our state.

You will have the kindness of pay-  
ing from the money in your hands  
Mr. Westerman & Mr. Steiger  
New York as soon as they send in  
their claims.

All you say about our late friend Mr. H. Mann is correct, all the money in his hands was paid up. The last few Dollars were paid by his brother & Brigham to Westermann.

We, J. Kellogg, Harford & myself have on hand quite a large collection of plants, we will send them soon by Smithsonian.

My Summer-vacation was spent in collecting at Lake Tahoe and Donner Lake, also at Bear Valley opposite the P. M. R. Station Emigrant Gap. (3000 ft. alt.)

I collected some very interesting plants on a trip from Bear Valley north to Eureka-South high up in the Mts. I wish they were already in your hands. Harford went to Oregon and Dr. Kellogg spends his entire

Summer till late in fall at Long Valley, Little Bear Harbor on the Coast Range. In fact he went over my old ground that gave so many a new species. Besides collecting ~~new~~ specimens, his object was to procure seed of the various annuals for Thompson. We have a fine lot of *P. Whitneyi* Gray and other valuable plants. Will send you some for your own use; mine are already nicely growing.

Send you a few days ago a little shrub collected at Bear Valley about 5000 ft. alt. (on rocks) this fall (September). Having been there during June and the first weeks of July I could not resist the temptation of going again in Sept.